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Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fastener mounting clip for securing a fastener ~~[[in]]~~ to a ~~hole, the~~ sheet metal having a hole extending between an upper surface and a lower surface, the hole having four corners, said mounting clip comprising:

a base portion having a threaded aperture to receive ~~the~~ a fastener; a first pair of opposed arms extended from the base to engage a top surface of said sheet ~~material~~ metal; at least two engagement portions extending on opposite sides of the base portion to engage ~~and an~~ underside of said sheet metal adjacent said corners of said aperture, said ~~wedge~~ engagement portions resiliently deformable to permit insertion of said clip to said hole and wherein said engagement portions are substantially U-shaped.

2. (WITHDRAWN) The fastener mounting clip of claim 1 wherein the engagement portion extends from a retaining formed in a loop.

3. (WITHDRAWN) The fastener mounting clip of claim 1 formed of a single piece of sheet material.

4. (WITHDRAWN) The fastener mounting clip of claim 1 wherein the planar surface is rectilinear.

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5. (ORIGINAL) The fastener mounting clip of claim 1 wherein the engagement portions are wedge shaped.

6. (WITHDRAWN) The fastener mounting clip of claim 5 wherein the obtuse angle is between 95 and 110 degrees.

7. (WITHDRAWN) The fastener mounting clip of claim 1 wherein the free ends of the guide arms are V-shaped.

8. (ORIGINAL) The fastener mounting clip of claim 1 wherein the clip is comprised of a retaining portion and a carrier portion.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The fastener mounting clip ~~assembly~~ of ~~said~~ claim 8 wherein the retaining portion has at least two of said engagement portions for engaging the underside of the sheet metal at the corners.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The fastener mounting clip of claim 9 wherein the carrier portion has a second pair of arms for engaging the upper surface of the sheet metal and the threaded portion.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The fastener mounting clip of claim 9 wherein the engagement portions are wedge shaped.

12. (NEW) A fastener mounting clip for coupling a fastener to a member having an upper surface and a lower surface with a hole extending between the upper and lower surfaces, said fastener mounting clip comprising:

a retainer portion having an aperture for receiving a fastener, a first pair of opposing arms for engaging the upper surface of the member and at least two opposing engagement portions for engaging the lower surface of the member; and

a carrier portion having a second pair of opposing arms for engaging the upper surface of the member.

13. (NEW) The fastener mounting clip of claim 12 wherein said carrier portion includes a nut base for receiving said fastener.

14. (NEW) The fastener mounting clip of claim 12 wherein said carrier portion includes a pair of opposing guide arms.

15. (NEW) The fastener mounting clip of claim 12 wherein each of said engagement portions include a center upright portion and at least one wedge shaped portion.

16. (NEW) The fastener mounting clip of claim 15 wherein said wedge shaped portion is substantially U-shaped.

17. (NEW) The fastener mounting clip of claim 12 wherein said first pair of opposing arms are adjacent to said second pair of opposing arms and wherein said engagement portions are in closer

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proximity to said second pair of opposing arms when said carrier portion is assembled to said retainer portion.

18. (NEW) The fastener mounting clip of claim 12 where said carrier portion includes a pair of opposing guide arms aligned with said first pair of opposing arms on said retainer portion.

19. (NEW) The fastener mounting clip of claim 12 wherein said second pair of opposing arms are approximately aligned with said engagement portions.

20. (NEW) The fastener mounting clip of claim 12 wherein said carrier portion further includes a threaded nut base, said nut base being inserted into said aperture on said retainer portion.